

**REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-29 were pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

**Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection**

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-29 of the present application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,406 B1. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,406 B1, Applicants submit the attached Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-29.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the cost of the terminal disclaimer fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the Customer Number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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